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SUBJ: RHODESIA: NIGERIAN PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. AT LUCHEON TODAY, AT WHICH AMB. SALIM (TANZANIA) AND AMB. KONIE (ZAMBIA) WERE ALSO PRESENT, NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN INFORMED US THAT HE, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE, WOULD REQUEST SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON RHODESIA EARLY IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY. HARRIMAN STATED THAT NIGERIANS WERE CONCERNED THAT MOMENTUM OF US/UK PROPOSALS HAD BEEN LOST AND THAT THE INTERNAL TALKS WERE FILLING THE VACUUM.

2. WE RESPONDED THAT WHILE IT MIGHT APPEAR THAT THE US/UK PROPOSALS HAD BEEN SET ASIDE, THERE WERE, IN FACT, A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS. FIRST, THE UK WAS STILL AWAITING A RESPONSE FROM THE CO-LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FOR FURTHER
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DISCUSSIONS. AS WAS THE CASE IN THE PAST, MUGABE AND MKOMO DID NOT SEEM TO AGREE ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION. WE ARE, HOWEVER, AWAITING THEIR CONSIDERED RESPONSE. SECOND, PRESIDENT MACHEL HAD INVITED LORD CARVER AND GENERAL PERM CHAND TO MOZAMBIQUE FOR FURTHER TALKS. WE DOUBTED THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO HOLD A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT MOVING THE

SITUATION TOWARDS RESOLUTION.

3. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION AMBASSADOR YOUNG PROPOSED THAT WE CONTINUE ON FRIDAY. IN THE MEANTIME, AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN STATED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE OWN INVITATION TO MKOMO AND MUGABE, OR OF THE CARVER-CHAND VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE. HE AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT DESIRABLE TO HOLD A MEETING IF THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC PURPOSE.
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